Prophet Zachariah, Father of the Forerunner
Stichera at "O Lord, I have cried"

September 5th

1) Clothed in the divine robe and the priestly chrism, thou didst serve God like an Angel, O blessed one; and thou clearly didst receive signs and revelations from the Holy Spirit, while mediating as a priest between Creator and creature worthily. O lauded Zachariah, as we keep thine all holy feast today, we both bless thee and glorify Christ the Savior in songs of praise.

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2) Thou didst look up on the Child that had been born of the
Virgin Maid, Zachariah inspired of God: the
Son co-beginningless sprung from God the Father;
and thou didst foretell clearly to thy child: Thou verily
shalt be His Prophet, and shalt prepare His ways. With
him, we call thee blessed and with songs we sacrely
celebrate thy most venerable festival,
O Godbearer supremely blest.
As thou wast the Holy Spirit's temple, living and soul-endowed, Zachariah most glorious, while thou didst commune with God through thy heart's great purity, in the Temple thou wast unjustly slain and didst complete thy godly course as a Martyr of the Lord. Hence, thou hast made thy way to the celestial temple in thine own blood, asking God that those hon'ring thee find forgiveness, O wondrous one.